PRICE, THREE CENTS

# 2 WOMEN KILLED, 35 HURT AS GAS WRECKS STORE; ROMA SPEEDS IN RETURN FLIGHT TO LANGLEY FIELD

Richmond Times-Dispatch

## BIG DIRIGIBLE BACK **AT HANGARS AFTER** WASHINGTON TRIP

Makes Run Home in Two Hours and Forty

NORTHBOUND VOYAGE AGAINST STIFF BREEZE

Balloon Fights Way to Christening in Five and One-Half Hours.

MISS WAINWRIGHT IS SPONSOR

War Secretary's Daughter On Craft's Bow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-The 400.

oot army airship Roma fought her wind from Langley Field, Va. Washington today to be christened in commission officially b he Assistant Secretary of War, who

onies, waited for three hours in th winds which blew from the but the wind was rising ning, and Major-General Patrick

ould be refueled. Scurries Home With Pair Wind

The great Dolphin-like craft of th it Bolling Field at noor

eft the field from time to tir earch out the great ship. Finally the was sighted to the southwest, progressing slowly against a stiff

Gradually her bulk loomed up and she swung toward the west, heading directly for the field. Approaching directly for the field. Approaching CHRISTMAS CHEER CERTAIN quite low, she seemed to barely miss the trees and hangars as she pushed Sgainst the wind and finally reaching he center of the field put her nose down and slowly settled.

A door in the "V" shaped keel, A door in the "V" shaped keel, Just \$530.80 Needed for Destitute Families for Whom coil of rope dropped to the "hand-ling crew" below. All hands took hold, and slowly the great craft

Breaks offittle of Ligard Air.

Fitting ceremonies followed: the christening by Miss Wainwright, Who stood on a step-ladder under the reat curving bows as she broke the ottle of liquid air, which flew into a bluish grey cloud of vapor as the glass crashed. The old ensign was then replaced by a new one preox-like rudder.

Speaking for the Italian government, by whom the ship was designed and built, Ambassador Ricci expressed his pleasure that America ccepting it officially for the War Deportunity were rather his, that the have held out helping hands to those army should be so fortunate in who live in forgotten places. ecuring a ship developed by the skill of Italian craftemen.

Secretary Wainwright replying to destitute families and to bring them Lieutenant-General Giuseppe Vac-cari, who spoke feelingly of the cor-America. General Patrick then orgassed and rebulanced for her home-

Staunton Officers Promoted.

STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 21.—At last onny L. Second Virginia Regiment, fational Guard, First Lieutenant Tharles P. Serrett, of this city, was elected captain, to succeed Reese T. Grubert, who was commander until his recent promotion to major in the machine-gun battallon. Succeeding Mr. Serrett was Second Lieutenant McPheason Blair, and in Mr. Blair's place, Sergean Earl Taylor was se-ected second lieutenant. Messrs, errett, Blair and Taylor are veterns of the world war, all three havserved in France as well as on

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## OF THE DESTITUTE "TEN OPPORTUNITIES"

esents for the consideration of its readers the cases of ten destitute amilies, whom it designates the "Ten Opportunities." These cases, is ach instance, are investigated beforehand by the Associated Charities

tunities" has been generous. Three of them, Nos. 2, 5 and 8, are "over the top," and are now closed. For the seven remaining opportunities The Times-Dispatch bespeaks the same generous consideration that has been shown the other three. Will you help to close them all, and thereby bring Yuletide cheer to your less fortunate fellow-Virginians before

through the columns of this newspaper. The opportunities follow: OPPORTUNITY No. 1,

OPPORTUNITY No. 2. This is the case of an old couple to bave lived more than forty ears of married live together. The um of \$379 was asked to keep them rom being separated. It has been versubscribed.

Total to date ..........\$407.90 This case has been closed. OPPORTUNITY To. 3.

Total to date ...... \$421.55 OPPORTUNITY No. 4.

Four hundred dollars is needed for two boys whose mother neglected and ill-treated hem, and their father is dead. The 6ys are now with relatives, who are unable to support them. The Associated Charities has been paying their board in order that these children might have some home life. They have never known what it is to be treated decently for the last year, they are bright boys who will make good citizens if they can have the proper training.

Treviously acknowledged \$289.71 Contributions received year.

Total to date

The man in this family has had thereulosis, and has just come back om the sanatorium. He is able from the sanatorium. He is able to do light, part-time Jork. His wife is a trail little woman, who

the "Ten Opportunities."

## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS INVOKED IN BEHALF

recommended as worthy of the public's aid. Response this year to the appeals in behalf of the "Ten Oppor-

Send any contribution you may wish, designating the particular or portunity in which you are interested, to the "Ten Opportunities Fund," The Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va., and it will be duly acknowledged

OPPORTUNITY No. 1.

This is a case of twin boys 11 work, but they are good parents, years old, whose mother is in a sanatorium, and whose lather has deselved them. Four hundred dollars will keep these boys at Covinglars will keep these boys at Covinglars was asked. It has been over-subscribed.

Previously acknowledged 1228 50

Total to date ........\$262.90

OPPORTUNITY No. 8.

Previously acknowledged . \$257.25 Contributions received yes-Total to date ..... \$257.25 This case has bene closed.

OPPORTUNITY No. 9.

Total to date .....\$309.4 FOR "TEN OPPORTUNITIES Times-Dispatch Requested \$4,270—Readers

MAY DEDUCT BAD

sued today by Commissioner Blair.

BY MISS MACSWINEY

Fifteen Kidnaped Men

After Spirited Fight.

d By Associated Press.1

minutes), thought that fifteen min

the remaining speakers to expre-

to voice the impatience of many mem

tain members of the Dail Eireans

nitely that it will be ratified. The

tunity to address that assembly un-

Belleved to Be Seriously.

Wounded.

utes would be sufficient for each of

DUBLIN, Dec. 21 .- The possibility

tack on Four-Power Pacific Treaty.

IS BITTERLY ASSAILED

marine Issue.

IBy Associated Press 1

the discussions had encountered a Coundouriotis, Former Regent. Not

ing Tax Returns for 1921. [By Associated Press.]

taxpayer, shall be allowed as a de-duction in computing net incomes," stationed. No decision was rendered

## Aground; Many in Peril

Chesapeake Bay Steamer

[By Associated Press.] - 60 BALTIMORE, MD., Pec. 21.— The steamer Cambridge, bound from Baltimore to Claiborne with large number of passengers re urning to the Eastern Shore fo he holidays, was blown aground northwest gale, off Wade's Point rests on a shoat about eighteen

Ferry went to her assistance With the high wind and rough water, however, it was found that the Harrington could not approac ing herself.

bridge are held captive on the helpless boat.

# QUEST OF PREMIER

London Editor Tells Hearers of Aspirations of Lloyd George.

HOPEFUL OF OUTCOME

### his views. One deputy expressed the Exchange of Notes With Harding Plays Big Part in Parley, Says Hirst.

peace at the arms conference in News That He Would Be Rethe incidental remains of the speak. Washington, and that he was hopeers tended to support this prediction. ful of the outcome, Francis W. Hirst, she is expected to ask for Miss MacSwiney not only said that delivered two interesting lectures on the life of one of the central gaures in the world of politics here yester-eay. The first lecture was given at the Woman's Club yesterday afterfore a meeting of the Richmo

> Speaks to Interested Audlences. "Lloyd George and His Colleagues," SHOOT GREEK ADMIRAL [By Associated Press.]
> ATHENS, GREECE, Dec. 21.—Three tically filled the auditorium and for torday was to the effect that Gov. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2.)

Most United Man of A. E. F. Takes Service Uniter Mexican

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—Lienten-ant Frank H. ("Hard-noiled") Smith, known as the most hated man in the A. E. F., now is a colonel in Presi-tant State department, but will leave the matter of department help to the man selected as the head of the de-

### LEAD CAT AND DOG LIFE IN ST. PAUL DOMICILE

band Slaps Partner of His Joys.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 21—A house cat led a dog's life around the home of Marcus Duncan, and Marcus, its owner, told Mustice Finehout he led the same wind of a life when his cat was abused.

He couldn't see it hurt. So when tis wife threw it down the cellar adding to her scorn of the animal it was too much.

Big Imports at New Orleans.

# **NUMBER CRUSHED**

Columbus, Ohio, Store, Crowded With Christmas Shoppers, Scene of Terror When Leaking Gas Ignites From Furnace, Causing Terrific Explosion.

## TO RUSH WOUNDED TO HOSPITALS

Destroyed and Large Sections of Street and Sidewalk Are Blown Up.

[By Associated Press.]

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Dec. 21.—Two women dead and thirty-five persons more or less seriously injured, were in hospitals here tonight, the result of an explosion of natural gas, which partially wrecked Wright's women's furnishing store in the downtown section late today.

Saveral of the injured conshed by failing walls and doors of the

Several of the injured, crushed by falling walls and doors of the three-story structure, were said by physicians to be probably fatally Mrs. Barbara Carl, of Columbus, Ohio.

The explosion, which occurred shortly before 5 P. M., while the store

RETENTION OF HODGES

IS SURPRISE TO TRINKLE

The explosion occurred while the store was filled with shoppers and while the streets were crowded. The front of the three-story building was demolished.

PERPETUAL MOTION

respect to Colonel LeRoy Hodges, aid to Governor Davis, being chosen as director of the budget, surprise to Mr. Trinkle. It was on trial in the United States Disadded that the announcement was triet Court, charged with using the unauthorized and that the subject mails to defraud, will try to demonhad never been broached to Mr. strate in court tomorrow or Friday Hodges. No intimation or announces that

the leaders of Richmond's financial institutions, clerks of the banks, members of the city's civic associations and the Chamber of Commerce, their ominion as to the publicity. members of the city's civic associa- and Colonel Hodges are agreed in tions and the Chamber of Commerce, their opinion as to the publicity, an hour it listened attentively to Mr. ernor-Elect Trinkle is busy winding awaiting trial, though his case could have been disposed of last Septem-ber. He has been experimenting with offices. Yesterday Mr. Trinkle sent

tained as Budget Director

Declared Premature.

to Aid to Davis, One Close to Gov-ernor-Elect Asserts—Job-Hunters

Emphatic declaration was made

Besiege Incoming Executive.

department head during his admin-IN OBREGON'S ARMY istration a batch of fifty letters from applicants for positions. "I am simply swamped with applitold friends in Richmond in recently He has authorized the statement that

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-A con-gressional recess from tomorrow until January 3 was voted today when the House adopted the Senate resolution to that effect.

### Biting Wind From North Brings Wintry Weather

A cutting wind from the North, an hour, brought here last night gave to shivering Richmonders a forecast of what the weather may give them as a Christmas present.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the thermometer registered 57 de-grees above, while, five hours later the mercury hovered around 39. When midnight came the wind still was going strong, causing late travelers to pull their winter wraps more tightly about them and think of the coal bin at home. The weather man offers no relief

colder, he says. Tomorrow will be milder day, according to forecast, with rain or snow in

Storm warnings were sent out last night along the Atlantic Coast from Cape Hatteras to Eastport,

[By Associated Press 1

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The temperature will fall almost generally east of the Mississippi River tonight and in the Atlantic States Thursday, the Weather Bureau announced today. Cold wave warnings have been issued for New England and the Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic Coast from Delaware

Breakwater northward.

The northwestern area of high pressure and cold weather has continued to spread eastward and southeastward and this morning had reached the upper lake region and as far South as Arkansas and Northern Texas, with temperatures below zero in the Northern border States, the tureau said.

To Ald Lumber Exporters.

MOBILE, ALA., Dec. 21.—Axel B.
Oxholm, chief of the lumber division,

Department of Commerce, addressed a meeting of exporters here today, outlining efforts of the department to

[Dy Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A good beggar can clear from \$25 to \$50 a day in New York, Come de Sambia, a former city wing." , a former city white told Magistrate Frothingham today when he was arraigned on a charge of disorderly con-duct. Detectives said De Gambia, who

'Good Beggar' in N. Y.

Gets \$25 to \$50 a Day

lost a ley in an accident, had more than \$35 in his pocket when he was arrested in a subway entrance. He declared he had to beg because the city pension allowed him was insufficient for him to support his wife conditions. him to support his wife and three The magistrate refused to sym-

pathize and gave him an inde-terminate term on Blackwell's

Asked to Subscribe This by Sunday Morning. Chistmas cheer is in sight for all | good cheer that comes to other homes t the Yuletide season

Light is breaking over humble The response to these appeals has aomes where, just a little more than Widows' mites and previous pennies two weeks ago, there was the dark- from little children have been conspicuous in the contributions that The spirit of Christmas, that in- have poured in from readers of The sented by the Italians and hoisted definable feeling that makes one Times-Dispatch throughout its wide high on the stern over her curious more sympathetic and neighborly to- territory. Stories of the needy and ward the whole world, has taken helpless—those whose dire poverty hold of Virginians in every section barred even the thought of such a Christmas and such a New Year as The more prosperous of the men. the average home expects-swept the women and children of the Old Do- heartstrings of rich and poor alike, should have bought the great semi-rigid ship, and Secretary Weeks, in thread of human brotherhood that in cottage. Men and women of difreaches down through the ages from ferent stations in life have been made partment, said the pleasure and op- the manger in Bethlehem of Judea, to feel closer akin in their mutual

efforts to make lighter burdens which seemed too heavy for their fellows The result is that just \$530.80 is to bear. needed to complete the sum of \$4,270, But do you not think it will be a pAfter the christening the color requested by The Times-Dispatch to happier Christmas for all? Will not presentation took place, Assistant alleviate the distress of these ten those smiles in forcotten places refleet themselves in the lives of those Vac- something like the happiness and who gave that sorrow might be lessened and that happiness might no be restricted at this, the merriest

> Christmas Day is just around the orner. Will you help make it the (Centinued on Page 9, Col. 3.)

season of all the year?

"REAL" LIQUOR SEIZED Prohibition Agents Active in East [By Associated Press.]

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Dec. 21.-Federal prohibition agents today made the biggest haul of "real" liquor made in East Tennessee in destroying over 200 gallons of peach. isonville, in Monroe County. Much aged in wooden kegs for more than

## CONFERENCE NEARS IRISH PEACE PACT END AS ITS WORK IS MAY BE RATIFIED FLAYED IN SENATE BY THE DAIL TODAY Reed Launches New At- Members Supporting the

Treaty Are Now Confident of Favorable Vote. GUARANTY TO JAPAN BITTER-SPEECH MADE

Full Naval Committee to Hear Special Constabulary Rescues British Today on Sub-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- The formal negotiations of the arms conferof concluding the debate on the Iris nce were at a standstill today, but treaty and reaching a decision by groups of delegates continued personal consultations which appeared day's sessions when he suggester day's sessions when he suggested n an early solution of all the points that, if the discussions were concluded tomorrow afternoon an ever

agreed upon by all five of the prin-cipal powers, there was reveated a feeling that limitation of auxiliary eraft was largely a minor question he individual desires to the various

view was expressed that the en accomplished in the limitation aggression and which at the same me entails the great bulk of pub-

a submarine and cruiser strength out she might never have another oppor-

did not constitute a serious dead- DISCHARGED SOLDIERS

In the interim between formal meetings of the various divisions of the conference the delegates of all the conference the delegates of all discharged Greek soldiers today shot discussion among themselves regard-discussion among the regard new four-power Pacific treaty. The in the body. One of the stenograph-nifference in view revealed yester- ers and a secretary also were shot. day between President Harding and The wound of Admiral Coundouriotis

nembers of the American delegation. is not believed to be serious, relating to the application of the The soldiers, forming a conrelating to the application of the The soldiers, forming a committee treaty to the principal islands of the of men discharged from the army. Japanese empire, furnished the chief entered the office and complained topic of personal conversation among that they were not receiving assistmany of the foreign plenipotentiaries ance from funds collected among

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 2.) Greek residents of the United States for the purpose of relief among

DEBTS FROM INCOME ceived a bullet in the stomach. Afterwards they shot the stenographer Ruling Is Issued to Aid in Comput-

may be deducted in computing in- Asks Naval Air Chief to Give Him-come tax returns for 1921 under the Duty at Another Lucanew revenue act, under a ruling is-

## ately fired on Coundouriotis, who re-

wounded soldlers. The men immed:

"Where all the surrounding and attending circumstances indicate," Mr. Hair said, "that the debt is worth- acquitted Tuesday on a charge of iess, either wholly or in part, the slaying his wife at Colonial Beach, part thereof which is worthless and charged off or written down to a the chief of the naval air service for minal amount on the books of the a transfer from the Dahlgren, Va.

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE IN READINESS FOR LIGHTING

Giant Cedar on Ford Lot, Draped in Myriad Electric Bulbs and Yuletide Decorations, Awaits Turning On of Switch. Richmond's Community Christmas committee. Sufficient decorations Tree will be roady to blaze forth have been received to assure Richwith myriad electric lights and Yule- mond of one of the prettiest Com-

tide decorations ere another sun sets.
The committee in charge of the decorations began its work early faithfully to make the 1921 tree decorations began its work early yesterday morning and announcement was made last night that rapid progress had been made. The work is expected to be finished by noon today.

Towering above the surrounding buildings, with the exception of the last of the collection of the las

# minutes run from Claiborne. The steamer Governor Harring-ton, of the Annapolis-Claiborne

leorge, of England, is doing his utmost to bring about a permanent

Mr. Hirst stated that the British last night by one close to Governortion with President Harding, England's Premier.

## "HARD-BOILED" SMITH

Plan. 1By United News 1

ceived a builet in the stomach. Afterwards they shot the stenographer wards they shot the stenographer EASTLAKE MAKES

TRANSFER APPLICATION

Asks Naval Air Chief to Give Him Duty at Another Location.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Roger D.

A. E. F., now is a colonel in President Hope to the dent Obregon's army in Mexico, according to a dispatch from El Paso, Texas, to the Stars and Stripes.

Smith, whose alleged brutal treatment of American prisoners at prison for an eighteen months term, was paroled four months before the expected to arrive in Richmond early in the New Year for a final conference with inis department heads before assuming the duties of chief executive upon his inauguration on Wednesday, February 1.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Roger D.

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[By United News.]

was too much.

He slapped her face, he told the judge. And a big red-mark the wife pointed to showed it was a good slap. The judge ordered the wife to tolerate the cat and Marcus to tolerate his wife's aversion to Miss Tabitha.

aged in wooden kegs for more than a year.

Mrs. W. A. Burrows, chairman off the decorating committee, was asLynnhaven Oysters. Smithfield Hams, Hotel Rueger, Inc.—Adv.

Mrs. W. A. Burrows, chairman off the decorating committee, was assisted in the work by Fire Chief
Joynes and other members of the (Continued on Page 7, Col. 2.)

# BY FALLING WALL **FOLLOWING BLAST**

## EVERY AVAILABLE AMBULANCE USED

Windows Are Broken Block Distant, Automobiles Are

tonight that several of the injured

## CLAIMS SOLUTION OF

Prisoner on Trial Delays Action to Experiment on Spring Motor,

So confident is Colvin that he has invented a worthwhile motor that he

### his motor in a machine shop, being brought from the county prison each morning by a special deputy marshal. MRS. GOULD IN U. S. TO FIGHT DIVORCE ISSUE

Will Star. Too, at the Galety in "Plas and Needles," New Pro-duction. [By United News.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Edith Kelly Gould, who may or may not be divorced from Frank Gould, according to the interpretation of United States courts, has returned from France for a dual purpose—to straighten out the affair of the French divorce Gould obtained in Paris, and the orthogonal state of the Prench divorce Gould obtained in Paris, and the orthogonal state of the Prench divorce Gould obtained in Paris, and the orthogonal state of the Prench divorce Gould obtained in Paris, and to get her name in elec-tric lights on Broadway once more, Mrs. (fould wants \$25,000 out of the pockets of her husband to fight him in court. After she gets that, she will star at the Gaiety in a new production. "Pins and Needles," which has been imported especially for her from London.

### COLD WAVE WARNINGS ISSUED FOR THE EAST

Temperatures Below Zero Recorded in Northern Border States.

market lumber cargoes in foreign